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Could push a button and get an answer, from NSA or DoD,
as couldn't do in CIA.

Sees groups as bunch of devil's advocates.

Focus should be as narrow as possible -- Sov. troop
movements.

Historically, warning stuffs = dumping ground for people
The Agency didn't know what to do with.

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→ Re history

Short-tour (less than 2 years) not helpful. Though arguable.

James J. Hitchcock, consultant to DIS, set up
original warning

, ret'd. -- worried about what should
happen to old Watch Committee, etc.

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reported to DCI through DepDir DIA
(That arrangement "went away" when Gen. Lincoln Farr
left).

Closest analogue to SWS was the current shop in OSR,
but spread too thin.

No real advantage to placement in Pentagon. Placement in Pentagon = pol. advantage, not fully tinged as CIA operation.

Support, report with DIA watch teams didn't work out as well as [redacted] hoped.

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[redacted] didn't have all tickets punched. Had trouble getting DDO info. Legacy of National Indications Center being spread too thin?

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NIC put out weekly report, through Watch Com.

Mil. commands had gotten used to responding to an NIC agenda, for Watch Com.

NID responsible to D/NFAC "doesn't back it," contra NSA etc., compared to NID responsible to DCI.

DoD wondered why should CIA be in the warning game at all.

Did a Weekly: What anomalies should people be worrying about?
Monthly: On, say, one indicator-- a Sov. troop movement.
Could farm out research, beyond staff.

Had no problem getting answers, e.g. getting pictures, NSA data.

Wm. Pammonte, then Dir Current Intel., started AMs.
Was originally device to fill in gap when SNIEs no longer written.

did only one AM in his year there, + probably didn't need to-- could have handled another way.

AM not a warning in narrow sense ^(was) something to keep Pres. from being surprised.

"Should be some unit, somewhere, worrying about this narrow problem in 'a community way.'"
Won't get it by increasing staff / of NIO/W.

Really isn't an NIO/W, given Lehman's other positions.

SWS not very expressive.

CIA never thought well of SWS, either (like DoD), didn't send good people there.

AM through DIA message channels --> NSC staff, JCS, DCI, field commands, ---

Not having Navy is unfortunate, because Navy has "clearances they keep to themselves, that others don't get."